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## ATHLETIC PICTURES

MARCH 7, 2018

3:30pm Cheerleading

4:00pm JV Boys Basketball

4:30pm Varsity Boys Basketball

Students need to bring a  
change of clothes so uniforms  
can be turned in on picture day

## ACCREDITATION = GROWTH

by Tina Silvestri, Principal

Next year will be our seventh year since our last accreditation. To be accredited means to have a team of people, including principals and teachers, visit our school to review how we are meeting the Catholic standards and benchmarks. Along with the staff, we will create a report giving the accreditation team our scores in areas that concern mission statement, Catholic identity, and more. We will host the team for two days where they will read through our report, conduct interviews, and tour our school. Once they have accomplished this, the team will give us their report with suggestions on improvement, if any. They will give a recommendation to MANS (Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools) for re-accreditation for our school.

I have had the opportunity to serve on an accreditation team these past two days. It will allow us to have a deeper look into what is required and how to prepare ourselves for next year. Serving on an accreditation team also allows me to meet other professionals and to see the great things other schools are doing as well.

We would like to highlight some saints in action this week: Thank you **Luke Rhein** for being helpful in the lunchroom by pushing in the chairs after all the students leave for recess. It is helpful to our lunch supervisors when cleaning the tables.

Thank you to **Lily Gottler** for picking up trash on the playground. You are keeping our school clean. Great job to both of you!

## GOOD LUCK OLYMPIANS

Good luck wishes to our students competing in the **Academic Olympics** tomorrow.

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## WITHOUT HESITATION

by Heather Cattivera, 4 year old Preschool Teacher

In four year old Preschool, we start our morning with our daily prayer and song, "Jesus is a Friend of Mine". We also take turns around our circle where the children have an opportunity to pray for someone which we complete with "Lord, hear our prayer". Some days, the lists are long and other days, short.

Last week, during our morning prayer routine, I overheard a little girl ask the boy sitting next to her, "Why do YOU love Jesus?". It was a simple question to which he answered without hesitation. It was as if she had asked him to scoot over a bit or share a toy. As I watched this interaction take place, I was curious to see what the other children would say if asked the same question. Would they answer without hesitation as well? Would we, as adults, answer without hesitation if asked?

So I snatched up the opportunity to ask these ten little darlings and here is what they answered...all without hesitation...Why do you love Jesus?

Josh - because He made my Mama.

Joey - because He lives in my home and my school too.

Mariz - because He got away from the bad guys and died for us.

Tyler - because He prays with me.

Frank - because He made my Mom and Dad, and my brother JJ too.

Alex - because He makes houses for everyone. That's where you live with your family.

Mae - because He created my dogs - one died and I'm sure he went to heaven.

Henry - because He made the whole world and everybody. He also made my baby brother, my Mom and Dad, my dog, and my special blanket.

Natalie - because He made everything. He makes nice warm water at Great Wolf Lodge too. I'm going there soon.

Alana - because He made Mom and Dad, Lulu, my dogs, everything - and because I just like him!

While these answers bring about a "cute" or "chuckle" in me, I also find their answers quite profound. I love Jesus for many of those exact same reasons! So whether you're four, forty, beyond, or somewhere in between, take a moment to answer that question, "Why do you love Jesus?"...without hesitation.

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